

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cathy Pihl on being named the Tennessee "Teacher of the Year".

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those special persons who dedicate themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching, and who, through their knowledge, effective skills and love of young people have shaped the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Pihl is one such remarkable citizen whose exceptional work as a fourth-grade teacher at Kate Bond Elementary School in Cordova has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, in stiff competition with twenty-two other teachers Ms. Pitt was chosen Tennessee "Teacher of the Year" for her outstanding performance and wonderful contributions to education; and

WHEREAS, this honor brings distinction for herself, for Kate Bond Elementary School and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, this is the first time a teacher from Kate Bond Elementary School has achieved such statewide recognition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pihl will represent Tennessee in the national competition for "Teacher of the Year"; and

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WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Memphis and went on to achieve her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Trevecca Nazarene College; and

WHEREAS, after teaching for five years, gaining valuable experience, Ms. Pihl moved to Kate Bond Elementary School in 1993 and quickly became a cherished member of the community; and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction, with unparalleled devotion and genuine concern, she has earned the respect and esteem of her students, fueling their thirst for knowledge and inspiring them to strive for the achievement of their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pihl founded "Earth Lovers", an after-school environmental group where students raised four hundred dollars in change to save a portion of the Rain Forest; and

WHEREAS, her years as a benevolent contributor to her community are commendable. She serves her fellow citizens nobly through her work with many student activities including "Can Day", where the proceeds of recycled cans go to the Humane Society as well as a crayon drive to benefit the Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Pihl's family, friends and community are quite proud of the fine example of academic and professional excellence that she has provided; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Cathy Pihl who, through her dedication to the profession she loves and the people she treasures, has had an extraordinary influence on Tennessee's most precious resource, its young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Ms.Cathy Pihl on being named the Tennessee "Teacher of the Year" and salute her profound devotion to her students and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Ms. Pihl continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.